

lines as transmission pipelines ignores the integral role of gathering systems in production and the different functional and physical attributes of gathering lines as compared to transmission pipelines.

Not surprisingly, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has held that natural gas gathering systems are subject to a seven-year cost recovery period under current law regardless of ownership. The potential for costly audits and litigation, however, still remains in other areas of the country. Given that even a midsize gathering system can consist of 1,200 miles of natural gas gathering lines, and that some companies own as much as 18,000 miles of natural gas gathering lines, these assets represent a substantial investment and expense.

The IRS should not force business to incur any more additional expenses as well. My bill will ensure that these assets are properly treated under our country's tax laws.

I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING MR. HENRY L. (HANK) HECK, JR. FOR HIS 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATED PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTORS

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize a man from my home State of Pennsylvania who has dedicated 32 years of his life to enhancing the quality of life of all Pennsylvanians by working to improve the safety and reliability of the Nation's surface transportation network. Henry L. (Hank) Heck, Jr. has been with the Associated Pennsylvania Constructors since 1969 and has been executive vice president of the association since 1980. Over these past many years, both Hank and I have worked toward similar goals and fought similar battles—myself in the U.S. Congress and Hank on behalf of his association's members throughout the Keystone State. Anyone who knows Hank holds a great respect and admiration for his distinguished career—spanning more than three decades. Now that his well-earned retirement is upon us, Hank will be remembered as both a leader and friend by the many individuals throughout Pennsylvania's transportation construction industry who have had the privilege of working with him.

Although Hank has spent most of his career with the Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, his leadership has benefited several other organizations as well. As past chairman of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association's (ARTBA) Council of State Executives, Hank led the association's State chapter affiliates in supporting ARTBA's pursuit to increase federal investment in our Nation's transportation infrastructure. Hank's accomplishments also include service as past president of the Pennsylvania Society of Association Executives, the American Society of Highway Engineers (Harrisburg Chapter), and the Harrisburg Trade Association Executives. He also currently serves as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Highway Information Associa-

tion. A man does not simply lead by his title alone, and Hank has exemplified what it means to be a true leader and a strong advocate for transportation infrastructure throughout Pennsylvania.

Over the years, I have considered Hank to be both a trusted friend and a knowledgeable advisor. Although many will most certainly miss Hank's everyday presence, his impact on the construction industry will be felt for many years to come. I would like to thank Hank for his commitment and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania over the past 32 years and I respectfully request that the House join me in wishing Hank the very best as he begins his retirement with his wife, Jody, and their family at his side.

JANUARY CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I have named Joseph DiGiorgio, Army veteran and co-founder of the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps as Citizen of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District for January 2001.

Joseph exemplifies the American spirit of patriotism and community activism. He served his country and came home to serve his community.

A resident of Mineola for 50 years—since 1955—Joseph served in the Army during World War II with distinction, receiving many commendations for courage under fire in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Joe has a strong interest in veterans' issues and is an active member of Disabled American Vets (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Never one to slow down, Joe's service to his country carried over to his community. He and his wife Louise stated the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps in 1977 at their kitchen table at 116 Jerome Avenue, known as the "Mineola White House." Together they raised funding through citizen contributions and grants.

In the beginning, calls to the ambulance service were answered from homes. Today, the Mineola Ambulance Corps responds to over 1,300 calls per year.

The Mineola Ambulance Corps has grown from one basic life support ambulance to three Advanced Life Support Ambulances, equipped with modern life-saving equipment, administered by over 70 paramedics, EMT's and other emergency-trained people.

I congratulate and thank Joseph, his wife Louise, his daughter Joanne for their community activism and loyal service to Long Island.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JACK MACKEY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a man who has, throughout his entire career as a physician, embodied the values of

rural America—hard work and dedication. On December 1, 2000, Dr. Jack Mackey of Sterling, CO, after more than four decades of ardent service, retired and closed his medical practice.

As a young man, Jack Mackey joined the Army entering corpsman's school. Shortly thereafter, he was stationed in Denver, at Fitzsimmons Army Base, for a stint of three years. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, he attended and ultimately graduated from the University of Denver and University of Colorado Medical School.

While completing his education, Jack gained valuable experience as an intern at St. Lukes Hospital in Denver. Afterwards he launched into a private practice in Nebraska. Dr. Mackey then moved to Sterling, CO, where he established a glowing reputation for his devotion, care and concern for humanity. He traveled long distances throughout the eastern plains, treating many patients on numerous house-calls.

Dr. Jack Mackey has provided excellent care and the gift of good health to many residents of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I ask my colleagues of this great House to join me in extending a special "thanks" to Dr. Mackey. May God's Blessings continue to be with him as he begins what we all hope will be a long and certainly a well deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING EDWARD AND PEGGY PESTANA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. RANDANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Edward and Peggy Pestana as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Edward and Peggy Pestana were married on December 16, 1950 in Riverside, California.

In 1949, after graduating from San Leandro High School, Edward enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he proudly served as a gunner, boom operator, instructor/evaluator, and recruiter until he retired in 1971 as senior master sergeant. In 1975, Edward earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from LaVerne College. Then, for 14 years he worked as a social worker and conservator investigator for Merced County.

Peggy graduated from Hayward High School in 1949. In 1965 she began her career as a textbook clerk, which she continued for 25 years at three different school districts.

Edward and Peggy Pestana retired together in 1991 and live at home in Mariposa. Since their retirement, the couple has traveled extensively around the world. They are still active docents at the Mariposa History Center. Peggy also participates in two programs to help the underprivileged: the Brown Bag and the Commodities programs.

Edward and Peggy have three sons and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Edward and Peggy Pestana on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many more years of continued happiness.